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Re: New U.S. Patent Application Entitled:  
**"Inhibition of HTLV-III By Exogenous Oligonucleotides"**  
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Dear Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): John Goodchild et al and Paul C. Zamecnik

Title: Inhibition of HTLV-III By Exogenous Oligonucleotides

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1 Sheet of Informal Drawing  
2 page unexecuted Declaration  
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This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/882,073, filed May 12, 1992 which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/798,263, filed November 18, 1991, now abandoned, which was a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/160,574, filed February 26, 1988, now abandoned, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/071,894 filed July 10, 1987, now abandoned, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 06/867,231 filed May 23, 1986, now U.S. Patent No. 4,806,463. A priority claim is also made to international application PCT/US87/01211.

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Applicants believe that claims in the subject application interfere with the inventions claimed in at least claim 1 of U.S. Patents 5,264,423 and 5,276,019.

It is respectfully requested that a filing date and serial number be assigned to this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53.

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